

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Not suprisingly our 'freedom' is being manipulated by a powerful and wealthy 'bully'.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Why is it that when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of misinformation and less of what we need for our democracy? Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. As a retired educator I realize why it is so difficult to get our youth to think for themselves, be responsible and respect diversity. It is the irresponsibility of organizations like Sinclair that encourages an Inquirer mentality within our society.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.